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Viewing cable 08ISLAMABAD9, PAKISTAN ELECTIONS-FEBRUARY 18; INVESTIGATION UPDATE

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08ISLAMABAD9	2008-01-02 12:56	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Islamabad

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN ELECTIONS-FEBRUARY 18; INVESTIGATION UPDATE

REF: A. ISLAMABAD 0001 B. 07 ISLAMABAD 5395

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

1. (C) Summary. The Election Commissioner announced today that elections will be postponed until February 18. It is not yet clear how the
2. (C) Chief Election Commissioner Farooq announced at press conference January 2 that the elections will be delayed until February 18 (see
3. (C) Earlier in the day, Ambassador and DCM met January 2 with NSA Tariq Aziz to press the GOP to move up the date for Pakistan's election
4. (C) Zardari spoke to Ambassador on January 2 and continued to insist that the PPP wanted elections on January 8 and said Faheem supported
4. (C) Separately, the UK High Commissioner Brinkley told Ambassador January 2 that he met with Tariq Aziz and heard essentially the same me
5. (C) Complicating the PPP decision-making are growing indications of a leadership struggle. Aziz told Ambassador he had heard that Zardar

Investigation Update

16. (C) Brinkley told Ambassador that Musharraf had called UK PM Gordon Brown on December 31 to accept the UK's offer of assistance from Scot
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announced it. Brinkley had given Aziz today a proposed formulation of an announcement, which has Scotland Yard providing technical expertise

17. (C) Brinkley said Aziz reported that Musharraf would make the announcement about the investigation tonight when he addresses Pakistan at
18. (C) In a related development, RSO obtained from the Ministry of Interior pictures of the Bhutto vehicle taken after the attack, a copy of

Nawaz Requests Security Advice

19. (C) Nawaz Sharif's office contacted CG Lahore January 2 to request consultations on security for Nawaz and Shahbaz Sharif. They did not
10. (C) Comment: The good news is that we have a date certain for elections. However, the GOP did not wait for the PPP to publicly agree t

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